

fer persecutions in making known the way of salvation thro Jesus the Christ. In this he manifested the spirit of the Master who tho rejected and persecuted by his own people yet sought to save them, and tho they crucified him he ordered that the gospel should first be preached at Jerusalem, the seat of the most bitter hatred. This is true Christian love. We should seek to save even those who hate us.

2. *Free in Prison*—Paul is an example of the freedom one may enjoy even in prison. He was in chains yet he was happy and ceased not to proclaim the gospel to poor dying men and women. Paul's sweetest songs came from his prison. We may not be called upon to wear chains for Christ in a literal sense, but there are many hindrances and limitations in every Christian life that are as chains upon our hands and feet. Sickness in the home, household cares and duties, business cares, these are chains that keep many from being free to do service for Christ. Like Paul, with these difficulties we should learn to be content and cheerful, and from our seeming prison doors send out sweet influences of Christlikeness.

3. *Believed—Disbelieved*.—In this particular it is the same to-day as it was in the days of Paul, and probably always will be the same. The preaching of the gospel does one or two things when it is faithfully preached. It either makes believers or unbelievers. The gospel divides the world into two classes whether the world will or not. Those who believe and those who do not believe. This is the result in the teacher's class and in the preacher's congregation.

4. *Lasting Immortality*.—Living and dying for a noble cause is what gives one a place in the hearts of men and women for generations to come. Nero is dead and forgotten, but Paul still lives in the hearts of millions of people and will live to the end of time and through eternity.

To Make You Think

1. Why was Paul a prisoner at Rome?
2. Had he desired to visit Rome?
3. Why was he so anxious to visit Rome?
4. What was the result of Paul's presence in Rome?
5. Was it an advantage to go there as a prisoner?
6. Explain how?
7. In what respect were Paul's hearers like a modern audience?
8. Where in this lesson have we an illustration of—Christian zeal? The courage of innocence? The power of prejudice? Faithful service? The truth of God's word? Romans 8:28?

Thoughts For Young People

Working for Christ

1. We should work for Christ in the face of difficulty. If Paul, a chained captive, could work, we can work despite discouragement.
2. We should begin work for Christ promptly—just as soon as the opportunity comes. Paul was at work in three days after his arrival in Rome.
3. We should work for Christ in a spirit of forgiving kindness. Though the Jews had

wronged Paul he "had nothing to accuse his nation of."

4. In our work for Christ the Bible should be used as our chief tool and weapon. Thus Paul used the Scriptures in his discussion.

5. In our work for Christ we must not attempt to measure our success. Statistical tables help to warn and encourage workers, but they are never to be regarded as tests of success. When the unbelievers left it must have seemed to Paul that he had made a failure; but what a strategic victory was his!

We should work for Christ perseveringly and incessantly, so long as the opportunity is afforded us. Like Paul, "our body with our charge lay down and cease at once to work and live."—*S. S. Journal*.

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FROM WASHINGTON CITY

"Getting along slowly;" yes, that is what I have said more than once concerning the mission of the first Brethren church in the capital city. I still say it, and yet I am glad that we do not have to say more.

Now let me tell you that a certain denomination,—and one that does not teach the unpopular doctrines taught by us,—worked for several years in a hall in this city, and were scarcely able to "hold their own;" finally they were blessed with a "Memorial Chapel" and within less than one year following, their membership was increased many fold.

"Brother Lyon, can't you give us a little rest on that subject?" Well, really I would like to be able to comply with your request, but I just received a letter from one of our very best brethren and he admonishes me to keep on "pegging away," and so I take fresh courage and "Press with vigor on."

I still believe that God is able and willing to care for his own, build them up and maintain his cause, even tho everything seems to go against them.

I believe that we will all come out the brighter and better for having gone through these tests. I believe that the work is of God and will stand, even tho we continue to fail in all of our efforts to get a place of our own, and tho we can not hold a series of meetings. We still fall back on Rom. 8:28. We still bear that indispensable weapon of Eph. 6:16. "Therefore will not we fear tho the earth be removed, and tho the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Ps. 46:2.

On every hand our friends here are saying, "O, what a pity you do not have a church of your own!" As long as we are compelled to meet in a hall on Sunday, then in the home of our members for the mid week meeting, we shall fail in making any favorable impressions.

We are often made to wonder why things are divided so unevenly. We read of so many good meetings held at other points, many brethren visiting and preaching, and yet all seem to be afraid of coming to Washington.

Brethren, come on, do not be afraid; if you can "stand the fare," you will get through all right.

I have been requested to do some preaching at several other points during this fall, but was compelled to decline because the work here requires all of my time. Truly the "harvest is still great and the laborers few." Pray that the Lord may still send forth other laborers into his harvest, and also for the support and success of those already engaged in the great work for the time is short.

W. M. LYON.

CHICAGO MISSION

Dear Readers:—This week I write a few lines that may interest you. Cool evenings are here now. There is not so much visiting in the parks, or long car rides taken, or even the long walks to keep cool or to keep away from God's house, I can not say which, but I would think the latter, as walking does not make one cool. Soon we will have to get our stove up and have fire to keep us warm. We pray for the heavenly fire to come down to keep our spirits warm and burning bright to shine that others may see and catch "the fire," too. Last night, (22nd inst.) as we looked over the congregation, a good number were standing. Why? Full house. Brother McFaden is giving some very fine illustrated lectures this week. At all times some people come to reverence God and worship with us. Some come out of curiosity, some because the singing draws them in, some to hear the "Word," some for a place to spend an hour or two, others can not tell why they come.

About two weeks ago, a man of middle age came in and sat listening very attentively. When shaking hands with him and in-